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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNET RATIFICATION

A. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS FROM A LETTER OF FEBRUARY 24
FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON FOREIGN RELATIONS ARE QUOTED BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. QUOTE: AS YOU ARE AWARE, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SAID THAT
HE WOULD LIKE TO "PROCEED QUICKLY AND AGGRESSIVELY WITH A
COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY." WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE
THRESHOLD TEST BAN AND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS TREATIES
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DO NOT ACHIEVE THIS GOAL BECAUSE THEY STILL ALLOW SIGNIFI-
CANT MILITARY TESTING BELOW THE 150 KILOTON THRESHOLD.
HOWEVER, WHEN VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR DESIRE TO MOVE
EXPEDITIOUSLY TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, THESE
TREATIES ARE AN IMPORTANT STEP BEYOND THE LIMITED TEST BAN
TREATY OF 1963. WHILE WE ARE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO
SET A TIMETABLE FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST

BAN TREATY, IT WOULD SEEM PRUDENT TO ESTABLISH A PROHIBITION ON NUCLEAR TESTING ABOVE 150 KILOTONS AT THE EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME.

WE BELIEVE THAT COMPLETION OF THE PROCEDURES FOR BRINGING THESE TREATIES INTO FORCE WILL FULFILL THE EXPECTATIONS

OF OUR NEGOTIATING PARTNER AND ESTABLISH A MORE PROPITIOUS CLIMATE FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS. IN PARTICULAR, THE UNIQUE VERIFICATION PROVISIONS, NEGOTIATED IN THESE TREATIES, ESTABLISH A USEFUL PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS. BY THE SAME TOKEN, FAILURE TO RATIFY THESE TREATIES COULD BE DAMAGING TO FURTHER NEGOTIATING EFFORTS.

FOR THESE REASONS, THEREFORE, THE ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS RATIFICATION OF THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN AND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS TREATIES AND REQUESTS THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE TO SUCH ACTION. WE REQUEST THAT THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS SCHEDULE HEARINGS ON THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN AND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS TREATIES AT AN EARLY DATE. END QUOTE.
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